## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE, 2007 STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 1170

# A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A WEST HAWAII PERMANENT HOUSING PROGRAM.

#### BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that homelessness is a 1 problem that affects the community's health and public safety on 2 3 the island of Hawai'i. This appropriation is intended to establish a program that will provide rental housing for 4 individuals and families that are successfully transitioning 5 through the homeless continuum. In addition to the provision of 6 7 rental housing, participants of this program will also have access to on-site case management, health and life skills 8 training, employment training, and other necessary services. 9 The facility will be unique in that support services will be 10 provided in conjunction with permanent housing, which encourages 11 12 housing sustainability for a longer term in comparison to that of an emergency or transitional housing situation. 13

14 The site for the program will be located at tax map key 7-15 3-009:055 which was obtained by the county of Hawai'i through a 16 dedication for affordable housing. The program will be 17 comprised of fifty affordable rental units (one- and two-



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1 bedroom), four emergency units (for displaced

2 individuals/families), office space, meeting rooms for case

3 management and training, laundering facilities, and a common

4 area/gathering place.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$12,000,000, or so
much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007-2008, for
support of the West Hawaii permanent housing program.

9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the county of10 Hawai'i for the purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.

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INTRODUCED BY:

BY REQUEST

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# Report Title:

West Hawaii Permanent Housing; Appropriation

## Description:

Appropriates funds to establish a program to provide rental housing for the homeless in transition.

